

**RUSHVILLE CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012
5:30 P.M.**

The Rushville City Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. with Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Angie Barton, and Marvin Hedrick answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police – Chief Tucker asked the Board to consider the following promotions:

Detective	-	Randy Meek
K-9 Officer	-	Michael Ervin
Sergeant	-	Brad Wessell & Cale Worley
Sergeant	-	Aaron Gurley

Hedrick made a motion to approve the request of promotions in the Police Department. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tucker thanked the following for donations:

Rush County Humane Society for the donation of \$2,000.00 for the K-9 unit.
Ann Moster for \$2,000.00, Schroeder Insurance for \$200.00, and \$300.00
from Sarbelio Leon for their donations for defibrillators for the patrol cars.

Tucker said that Officer Wessell has completed training as an instructor for the use of tasers. He asked the Board to approve policy #13.1.2 concerning the use of tasers. McGowan made a motion to approve police #13.1.2 as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tucker informed the Board that he would like to implement a rifle program. The rifles can be purchased at a reduced rate of \$552.91 for 13 rifles. The regular rate would be \$1,000.00 each. Barton made a motion to purchase the rifles at the reduced rate. The rifles would be kept locked in the armory until a policy has been approved and proper training has been completed by all officers. Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire – Chief Jenkins asked the Board to consider the following promotions:

Lieutenant	-	Mike Justice
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Captain - Chuck Kemker

Hedrick made a motion to approve the promotions in the Fire Department as requested. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Jenkins has been in conversation with the Mayor as to hiring options due to the vacancy left with the retirement of Dennis Wayt. Jenkins passed out a list of options to fill the vacancy left in the department. He asked the Board to review this for later discussion.

Jenkins said he and the Mayor had a meeting with Rushville Township Fire Department to discuss a program where some of their men could be used to help the City out, and in return when an opening did come up in the City Fire Department, the Township volunteers that had helped out would be first in line for hiring consideration.

Jenkins informed the Board that the new AED's are in service.

CITIZEN CONCERNS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Animal Shelter Employee – Pavey said that Animal Shelter employee, Misty Hensley, has been off work due to a workman's comp claim. The employee has now been released from workman's comp to return to work with restrictions. The Board was given the opportunity to review the report of workman's comp. Pavey asked the Board how they would like to proceed. McGowan made a motion to terminate the employee due to restrictions, causing the employee not to be able to perform all the duties required. Hedrick seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pavey said he would like to make it a part of the record that there is not a position available to accommodate the restrictions of Hensley.

Part Time Animal Control Employee – At the last Board of Works meeting Jim Laker was hired as a part time employee. Since that time some issues have come up with this employee. The issues were investigated by the department liaison and reported to the Board members. Cameron made a motion based on the report of the department liaison to terminate Laker. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Department Employee – Pavey stated that a Police Department employee had been reprimanded for disciplinary issues. After review of the matter by the Board, Pavey asked for the Board's recommendation. Hedrick made a motion, per the City handbook, to suspend the employee with pay pending a hearing at the next meeting. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Confidentiality Agreement – Pavey passed out a Confidentiality Agreement between the City and the ECDC. He said this is something he is comfortable with and asked the Board to review and let him know if they have any questions or concerns.

Health Insurance – Pavey said that Kevin Mandrell was here to discuss insurance. He said Julie Newhouse has requested to be added to the City’s insurance, but would incur the entire cost. Hedrick made a motion to proceed with adding Newhouse to the insurance with no cost to the City. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before the Board of Works; Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Barton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

GARY M. CAMERON, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

ANGELA L. BARTON, MEMBER

MARVIN L. HEDRICK, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER